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FCC ANNOUNCES WORKSHOP ON REFORMING INMATE CALLING SERVICES RATES

WC Docket No. 12-375

On December 28, 2012, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the matter of Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services to "consider whether changes to our rules are necessary to ensure just and reasonable [inmate calling services or ICS] rates for interstate, long distance calling at publicly- and privately-administered correctional facilities."

To gather additional data on inmate calling services, the Commission will hold a workshop on Wednesday, July 10, 2013, in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305), 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554. This workshop will focus, among other things, on the impact of current ICS rates on inmates and their families, a review of state reforms of ICS rates, and a discussion regarding the cost of providing service and how to balance the needs of consumers and correctional facilities.

Additional details concerning the workshop agenda and panelists are forthcoming. The workshop will be free and open to the public, and will also be streamed live at http://www.fcc.gov/live. Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. The request should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed and contact information. We ask that requests for accommodations be made as soon as possible in order to allow the agency to satisfy such requests whenever possible. Send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

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¹ Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services, WC Docket No. 12-375, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 27 FCC Rcd 16629-30 (2012).